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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Mid City Concerns/Meals on Wheels Spokane, our donors and, most importantly, our vulnerable seniors. We rely on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters and constituents. Because we do not receive any government funding our fundraising via the US Mail is imperative to our survival..

We simply do not understand why suddenly there is a need to increase nonprofit marketing mail rates for the nominal benefit of commercial marketing mail. This would seem to fly in the face of the rationale of the law granting nonprofits a discounted rate.

Injecting unanticipated increases such as those proposed here by USPS will mean that our fundraising budget will not be able to keep pace with the increase in postage costs. The inevitable result will be a reduction in our use of the mail, a reduction in our revenues, and, in turn, a reduction in our ability to serve our fragile seniors.

If our postage rates were to increase, say, 5%, and produce a corresponding 5% loss of revenue, we would be forced to start a **waiting list** for homebound seniors! Respectfully, we ask you to consider this consequence.

Please do not change the current system for calculating nonprofit rates. Implemented by the Postal Service ten years ago, we see no pressing need for a change, especially not one that will do harm to all nonprofits using the mail.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Mollie Dalpae, MSW  
Executive Director